IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

PRESENT :

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE PIUS C.KURIAKOSE

WEDNESDAY, THE 4TH APRIL 2007 / 14TH CHAITHRA 1929

WP(C).No. 11749 of 2007(W)

PETITIONER:

RAJU K. DAMODARAN, S/O.DAMODARAN,
KAITTIYANICKAL HOUSE, CHERUTHOTTINKARA,
KODIKULAM VILLAGE, THODUPUZHA, TALUK,
IDUKKI DISTRICT.

BY ADV. SMT.P.DEEPTHI

RESPONDENTS:

KODIKULAM GRAMA PANCHAYATH,
REPRESENTED BY THE SECRETARY, OFFICE OF THE
KODIKULAM GRAMA PANCHAYATH, KODIKULAM,
THODUPUZHA TALUK, IDUKKI DISTRICT.

BY

THIS WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) HAVING COME UP FOR ADMISSION ON 04/04/2007, THE COURT ON THE SAME DAY DELIVERED THE FOLLOWING:

PIUS C. KURIAKOSE, J.

W.P.(C) No.11749 2007 W

Dated this the 4th day of April, 2007.

JUDGMENT

The grievance of the petitioner is that even as his application, seeking instalment facility in the matter of remitting the property tax arrears due in respect of the building bearing door No.VII/353A of the Kodikulam Grama Panchayat, is pending before the panchayat, the panchayat is initiating coercive steps for recovering the amount in a lump. The petitioner has already filed Ext.P2 before the Secretary of the Panchayat, in which he prays for permission to pay the principal amount in 10 equal monthly instalments. He also seeks exoneration from the obligation to pay penal interest on certain reasons stated in the application.

2. The panchayat will consider Ext.P2 bestowing as much sympathatically as it

deserves and take an early decision. A decision on Ext.P2 will be taken at the earliest, at any rate within four months from the date of receipt of a copy of this judgment, on condition that the petitioner remits a sum of Rs.6,123/- within two weeks from today.

Writ petition is disposed of accordingly.

Sd/-

(PIUS C. KURIAKOSE)
JUDGE

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P.S. To Judge

PIUS C. KURIAKOSE, J.

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4th April, 2007.